

## **Bernalillo County Commission Observer Report**

### **November Voter**

#### **Bernalillo County Focuses on Housing**

October 8 – All five commissioners, Barbara Baca, Adriann Barboa, Eric Olivas, Walt Benson, and Steven Michael Quezada were present

Bernalillo County Commissioners approved a resolution requesting the New Mexico legislature to support a request from Housing New Mexico for \$500,000,000. to build affordable housing throughout the state. Of that amount, the New Mexico Affordable Housing Collaborative would like to use about \$100,000 to support developers willing to build affordable housing in Bernalillo County, and to use on projects approved by the collaborative. The county has developed a list of potential projects to be funded so they can speak to legislators in specific terms. The complete list is included in the [commission's agenda packet and available to be searched](#).

The commission also accepted a \$350,000 grant from the Institute for Responsible Government for the county to buy new election related software, and for cyber and physical security measures for the November election.

The commission voted to accept a \$15 million RAISE grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation as part of its ongoing activities to develop a Tradeport Corridor for electric trucking along I-40. The county will use the money to plan infrastructure such as roads, sewers, water and power for the trucks for the Albuquerque area as well as two hubs in Kingman, Arizona and Winslow Arizona.

The first phase of the Tradeport Corridor from the Port of Los Angeles is designed to move goods out of the port area to distribution points along I-40. The Albuquerque hub, which may be located in the general area of the Double Eagle Airport on the city's west side is meant to become a hub of warehouses, and other support structures. Bernalillo County is serving as fiscal agent for the first phase of development.

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